

Senate File 527 - Introduced

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BY COMMITTEE ON TRANSPORTATION

(SUCCESSOR TO SSB 1187)

A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to vehicles of excessive size and weight,
2 including highways and streets upon which movement of such
3 vehicles is permitted and warning lights on such vehicles.
4 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321E.3, subsection 1, paragraph b, Code
2 2023, is amended to read as follows:

3 b. (1) The department may issue all-systems permits under
4 section 321E.8 which are valid for ~~movements~~ movement on all
5 paved highways or streets under the jurisdiction of either the
6 state, except the interstate road system if prohibited under
7 section 321E.8, ~~or those~~ and except any highways or streets
8 under the jurisdiction of local authorities that have indicated
9 upon which an all-systems permit is not valid as determined by
10 the applicable local authority if the local authority indicates
11 such highways and streets to the department in writing,
12 including by means of electronic communication, ~~those streets~~
13 ~~or highways for which an all-systems permit is not valid.~~
14 However, a local authority shall not determine that any paved
15 farm-to-market road, or highway or street designated as a truck
16 route, is not valid for purposes of an all-systems permit. A
17 highway or street under the jurisdiction of a local authority
18 upon which movement under an all-systems permit is valid shall
19 connect with a highway or street under the jurisdiction of the
20 state.

21 (2) A local authority that indicates a highway or
22 street upon which an all-systems permit is not valid under
23 subparagraph (1) shall provide a written justification
24 report to the department explaining the local authority's
25 determination. If the department disagrees with the local
26 authority's determination, the dispute shall be resolved in
27 accordance with chapter 17A.

28 (3) Notwithstanding a local authority's determination
29 under this paragraph, a person who is issued an all-systems
30 permit may operate a permitted vehicle over the most direct
31 route between the location where the vehicle is loaded and
32 the nearest highway or street upon which movement under an
33 all-systems permit is valid.

34 Sec. 2. Section 321E.24, Code 2023, is amended to read as
35 follows:

1 not valid.

2 This bill authorizes the DOT to issue an all-systems permit
3 valid for movement on all paved highways or streets, except
4 the interstate road system if otherwise prohibited, and
5 except those streets or highways on which a local authority
6 has indicated to the DOT that all-systems permits are not
7 valid. A local authority is prohibited from excluding paved
8 farm-to-market roads and highways and streets designated as
9 truck routes. The bill requires a local authority to provide
10 a justification report to the DOT for each street or highway
11 on which the local authority determines an all-systems permit
12 is not valid.

13 The bill requires the highways and streets under the
14 jurisdiction of local authorities upon which movement under an
15 all-systems permit is valid to connect with a highway or street
16 under the jurisdiction of the state. The bill makes changes to
17 Code section 321E.3(1)(b) to enhance readability.

18 Under current law, pursuant to Code section 321E.24, the DOT
19 adopted administrative rules regarding oversize load signs,
20 warning flags, warning lights, and projecting-load lights (761
21 IAC 511.18(3)). The DOT's rules require vehicles longer than
22 85 feet but not longer than 120 feet, vehicles with a front
23 projection over 25 feet, vehicles with a rear projection over
24 10 feet, and vehicles weighing over 80,000 pounds to display
25 a flashing or strobe amber light that is visible for at least
26 500 feet and provides 360-degree warning, which light must be
27 mounted on the towing unit and be visible from the front and
28 rear.

29 The bill provides that vehicles exceeding 80,000 pounds are
30 not required to display warning lights based on the vehicle's
31 weight.